AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (d). No, Sir. However, a proposal for creation of a separate department of fisheries is already under the consideration of the Government.

Nutritional quality of Dairy Milk and Groundnut milk

1171. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a recent study conducted at M. S. University Baroda, addition of dairy milk and groundnut milk enhances the availability of iron from a standard meal whereas soyabean milk has no similar enhancing quality; and

(b) whether Government propose to review widespread use of soya milk in the country advocated by CFTRI, Mysore and used in products such as Chai-Sathi etc., marketed by NDDB and other brands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

1172. [*Transferred to the 11th May*, 1988].

Meeting of National Consumers Council

1173. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the National Consumers Council was called by the Government on the 8th March, 1988.

(b) the total expenditure incurred on TA/DA and hiring of hall etc., for the said meeting and

(c) what is the outcome of the above meeting indciating the details of recommendations made and follow-up action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BHITHA): (a) The meeting of the Central Consumer Protection Council constituted under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 was held on 28th April 1988 and not on 8th March, 1988.

(b) The total expenditure incurred on TA/DA to the non-official members of the Council hiring of hall, etc., was about Rs. 85,000/-.

(c) The Council which is an advisory body, discussed various aspects of consumer protection such as speedy implementation of the Conumer protection Act, 1986, measures for promoting a strong and broad-based voluntary consumer movement in the country role of women, youth, mass media etc. in the consumer movement. The Council urged speedy implementation of the Consumer Protection Act 1986 and recommended setting up a Committee to examine and recommend measures to create consumer awareness, particularly publicity aspects for promoting consumer movement. Central Government is already pursuing co-ordinating and monitoring the implementation of the Consumer Protection Act in the States/UTs. As suggested by the Council, it has been decided to set up a Committee to look into publicity aspects.

Increase in the Price of Free Sale Sugar

1174. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a request has recently been made by the Sugar Industry to allow increase in the price of free sale sugar by regulating monthly releases in view of the drop in recovery and the yawning gap between the statutory minimum cane price and the actual price paid by the mills to the farmers at the instance of State Governments; and